Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates but no airtime donated to Democratic candidates in certain areas is offensive to the idea of fairness and is just another example of a media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Local education about the candidates is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others, and free, as well. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is OBLIGATED BY LAW to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license

renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard.

Please take action on this matter to make electioneering even-handed. Thank you.

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